

The West Purbeck Benefice Prayer

Holy God we thank you that you have called us to be your people across the West Purbeck Benefice.

We praise you for the beauty that surrounds us,
the people who make up our communities,
the visitors whom we welcome

and above all for the gift of faith you have given to us.

Help us through prayer and worship to grow closer to you,
through service and care to reflect your love,
and through mission to share your Good News with all around us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Sunday 31st August 2025
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10.30am UNITED BENEFICE EUCHARIST God's Pocket, Chaldon
Guest Preacher: Revd Helen Lynch, The Pilsdon Community
(If wet, the service will be in St Nicholas church, Chaldon.)

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Usual hours The Benefice Office is staffed Wednesday 9-12 and 12.30-4 and Friday 9-1.30.
For enquiries outside these times contact the Vicar.

Next Sunday 7th September - 12th Sunday after Trinity

9am	BCP Holy Communion	Wool
9am	BCP Holy Communion	East Lulworth
10.30 for 10.45am	Café Church	Winfrith Village Hall
11am	Holy Communion	Affpuddle
6pm	Evensong	Bere Regis

NEXT MIDWEEK SERVICE - 10th September

10.30am Holy Communion Bere Regis
**NB No Communion service or Community Lunch at Wool
on 3rd September**

PLEASE BEWARE EMAIL SCAMS!

We are aware that scam emails are circulating. Any genuine email from Revd Richard Bartlett will have his email address vicar@westpurbeck.org.uk and the West Purbeck Benefice Logo in the signature. Please don't click on any links in suspect emails.

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Collect for the United Benefice Service

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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Post Communion Prayer for the United Benefice Service

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Readings: Heb. 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14

Gospel: Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Zoom Link for 8.30am Online Morning Prayer

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. All are very welcome. Use the Zoom link:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77286649231?pwd=6c3DI9UjNuhzbj4qsOaqloMzseAdJ6.1>
Meeting ID: 772 8664 9231

*God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.*

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BREAKFAST CLUB

We meet at Holme for Gardens on the second Wednesday every month at 10am
(next meeting 10th September). **All welcome!**
NB As there is no community lunch on 3rd September, please telephone Mary to let her know if you are coming on 01929 556086.

HOLY ROOD CHURCHYARD



The churchyard maintenance team continues to meet on the first Saturday of the month from about 0930. At the August work session, a trench was dug alongside the entrance path and a length of ducting was inserted ready for our internet cable; also the south door was adjusted so it opens more easily. On Saturday 6th Sept, the team will be spreading additional gravel on paths and trimming hedges. Do come along and lend a hand - tools provided or bring your own.

CHURCH REFRESHMENTS IN HOLY ROOD CHURCH

Please, are you able to help with refreshments after the 10.30am service which is only twice a month, plus we have a rota so you would only do every two months? It entails bringing milk and biscuits (can be reimbursed) prepping before the service, serving and then clearing away. Doesn't take long, usually completed by 12.15pm at the latest. You would be shown where everything is and you would not be on your own etc. it is such a good opportunity for everyone to have a catch up so a very important part of the church service.

Contact Sue Burroughs for details sue@whomwah.com or speak to me after the service



Illustrative purposes only

GUERRILLA GARDENERS—Poppy Cascade

The next Poppy Cascade session in
Holy Rood church will be on
Monday 8th September
from 10am until 12 noon.

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Local Parish Representatives - contact if you'd like to join this event!

Bere Regis - Sarah Welton 01929 471562 oceansbereregis@gmail.com

Affpuddle - Richard Killer 01929 471202 nicola.killer@btopenworld.com

Ride & Stride 2025 is an exciting fundraising event that invites people of all ages to walk or ride between churches in their local area to raise money for the preservation and upkeep of historic places of worship. Taking place across Dorset, the event not only supports local churches financially but also encourages participants to explore their community, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with their heritage. All funds raised are split between the participant's chosen church and their county's Historic Churches Trust, helping to protect these important buildings for future generations.

At Holy Rood in Wool, £600 was raised last year with half coming back to the church. One key point is that Gift Aid is recovered, so please if you are a tax payer then please tick the Gift Aid box when you come to sponsor our Riders and Striders.

Revd Canon Richard Bartlett will be taking part again this year. Please do sign his sponsorship form, or use the Just Giving link in next week's Link.

For more information on Ride + Stride in Wool, please contact: Jenny Hunt 01929 462570 email: theskypilot2@gmail.com or www.dorsethistoricchurchestrust.co.uk

Thursday Tea and Toast at St John the Baptist, Bere Regis 8am until 11am Thursdays.

All ages are welcome; there will be some toddler-age toys available. Dogs and their owners are very welcome (including doggie biscuits!). For more information, please contact Pat Wharf at patswiftwharf@outlook.com or on 01929 472246.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The work of the Church: Please pray for the Church of South India (United). Also please pray for the Children's Society and our Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers.

This Benefice: We pray for all those who are not able to join in with worship at this time. We pray for all those volunteering in their community with transport, prescriptions and shopping, also, local shops and businesses. Pray for the residents of Sitterton Close and Snatford Bridge in Bere Regis; The Launches and Triangle in West Lulworth; East Knighton Lane in Winfrith and East Knighton; Wain Road in Bovington, The Briars, The Cross, The Poppies and The Square in Wool.

Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers:

We pray for Peter Wharf; Catherine; Joe; Louisa Botterill; Brenda and David; Wendy Morrison; Hillie Montgomery; Mark; Eileen Rolls; Heather Edwards; Daisy Martin; Edward Gainsford; Pat House

We are pleased to pray for all those whom we are asked to pray for. In order to keep our prayer intentions up to date we will include names for one month. At the end of each month, if you would like either yourself or the person whom you have asked us to pray for to remain on the prayer list for a further month, please inform one of the clergy or the Benefice Office. If you are asking for prayer for someone else please remember to ask their permission for us to include them in The Link. Thank you for being a part of this important ministry of prayer.

We pray for the families and friends of those who have died in recent days:

Roy Winder; Yvonne Payne; Peter Hawkins

Also the families and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Please pray for

Isabel Spicer and Liam Tugwell, who will be married at St John's church, Bere Regis on Saturday 30th August, also

Rhaya Barton and Louis Beaumont, who will be married at St Andrew's church, East Lulworth on Saturday 6th September

and their families and friends.

*Please pray for the friends and family of
Peter Hawkins, whose ashes will be interred at Holy Trinity, West Lulworth
on Saturday, 6th September*



Benefice Service

Sunday 31st August
10.30am

Guest preacher:
Rev. Helen Lynch, the Pilsdon
Community

God's Pocket Field
DT2 8DN
Chaldon Herring
Parking available on the field



**Cream Teas in a Cottage Garden in
Chaldon Herring
Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August**

The lovely garden at The Old Vicarage in Chaldon Herring, near Winfrith Newburgh, will be the setting for delicious cream teas, with cream from local Craig's Farm Dairies and home-made scones and jam. There will be a plant sale with a great variety of bedding and house plants and also a book stall. We look forward to seeing you from 2.30 onwards at DT2 8DN. Proceeds to St Nicholas Church and Chaldon Village Hall.

**SORRY, NO TRAILER RIDES IN
CHALDON HERRING THIS YEAR**

For many years our famous Trailer Rides have depended on the generosity of David Cobb of West Chaldon Farm who has made his tractors and trailers available at a busy time in the farming year. Sadly, this equipment will be in even greater demand for hauling farm produce than before and so there will be no Trailer Rides this year. However, we will be providing Cream Teas on 30th and 31st August when we hope to see many of our loyal supporters. Proceeds to St Nicholas church fabric and to the Village Hall.

Dorset Cream Teas



The Old Vicarage Garden

On Sat 30 and Sun 31 Aug

2.30 - 5 pm

Home-made scones, local cream and jam



**Plant Sale
Book stall**

Proceeds to St Nicholas Church
fabric and the Village Hall



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Café Church 7th September



Open the gate of your heart!

Come and join Jesus and his disciples as they enter this gate into Jerusalem and discover the significance of what is happening all around them and what that means to us today. Through teaching, drama, prayer and worship we explore this topic and share our thoughts over coffee and croissants. We meet at Winfrith Village Hall on 7th September 10:30 for 10:45.

GUIDED BAT WALK



St Christopher's Church, Winfrith. Friday 12th September 6.45pm
Q + A session and refreshments afterwards in the church.